Announcement of Opportunity (AO), Indian Space Researcgh Organisation (ISRO) selected six payloads from international community. The approved cost of this mission is Rs. 386 crores. The launch is targeted for first quarter of 2008 using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

(c) and (d) No, Sir The funding provided takes into account current cost of putting material in space and is adequate to meet project requirements.

Creation of Aeronautics Commission

2216. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ISRO had recommended for the creation of Aeronautics Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the views of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was an acute shortage of specialists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Aeronautical Society of India has recommended to the Government of India to constitute the National Aeronautics Commission. However, no decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(c) and (d) A committee constituted by the Aeronautical Society of India has observed that there is a shortage of specialists for aeronautical like pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers and technicians.

Industrial units in the Country

†2217. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 42.12 million industrial units in the country at present;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.